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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Vishnu K. Agarwal	Attorney Docket No. :	501082.02 (98-0616.01)
Serial No.	:	09/652,994	Group Art Unit	: 2815
Filed	:	August 31, 2000	Examiner	: Not Yet Assigned
Title	:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

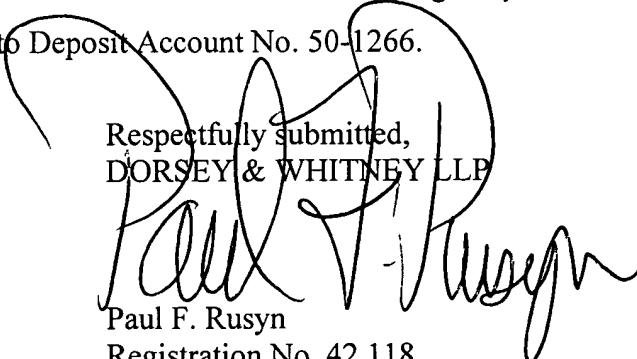
GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

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